July1 – 7, 2021 NEWS YOU CAN USE, NEWS YOU CAN TRUST 75¢

THE EAGLE

A PUBLICATION OF ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS OF MICHIGAN

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE • THE CANTON EAGLE • THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR • THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE • THE ROMULUS ROMAN • THE WAYNE EAGLE • THE WESTLAND EAGLE

No. 26 www.associatednewspapers.net

THE BELLEVILLE ENTERPRISE

Vol. 136, No. 26

Sumpter Township Trustees are seeking a solution to the safety hazard high weeds and grass present when the growths obscure fire hydrants or intersection visibility.

See page 3.

THE CANTON EAGLE

Vol. 74, No. 25

A strong finance report from Plante Moran auditors was presented to the members of the Canton Board of Trustees at the June 22 meeting.

See page 2.

THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR

Vol. 74, No. 26

State Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster,, narrowly avoided jail time last week as he was accused of contempt of court for violating his bond provisions.

See page 4.

THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE

Vol. 210, No. 26

An exhibit of photographs by local dentist and world traveler William S. Demray will be on display at the Northville Art House from July 9 through 24.

See page 5.

THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE

Vol. 21, No. 26

A new tree ordinance in Plymouth Township may have roots in the City of Plymouth, but will need to be pruned to suit township residents.

See page 3.

THE ROMULUS ROMAN

Vol. 136, No. 26

Romulus police and fire personnel received high praise at a meeting last month from residents, officials from neighboring communities and members of the city council.

See page 6.

THE WAYNE EAGLE

Vol. 74, No. 26

Sgt. Brent Cahill retired from the Wayne Police Department last month and was honored with a small ceremony at police headquarters.

See page 6.

THE WESTLAND EAGLE

Vol. 74, No. 26

While a 24-year-old autistic man injured during a police chase will receive a $2.5 million settlement, no criminal charges will be filed against the officer involved.

See page 4.

A quiet celebration

U.S. veterans could experience trauma during holiday fireworks displays

Everyone doesn't enjoy the traditional fireworks displays that usually accompany Fourth of July celebrations throughout the area.

As Americans prepare for barbecues and fireworks on Sunday, it's also important to remember that some veterans might be uncomfortable in large crowds or have a difficult time around loud noises, especially the explosive sounds that accompany blasting fireworks.

Representatives from Swords to Plowshares, a nonprofit organization nationally recognized for decades of experience and leadership in building comprehensive programs and resources for low-income, homeless, and at-risk veterans, reminded everyone to be supportive of veterans during Fourth of July activities.

Not all veterans who are exposed to combat or other traumatic military experiences are diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) but many are and undiagnosed effects of the stress of military service is considerable, experts said. Approximately 30 percent of Vietnam War Veterans experience PTSD over the course of their lifetimes, and approximately one in five service members who have returned from deployment operations in Afghanistan and Iraq have symptoms of PTSD.

> *"These veterans deserve your consideration and respect for the effects they have suffered to defend the freedoms you are celebrating.*

Because Fourth of July fireworks displays can sound like explosions or gunfire, and these sounds might remind some veterans of traumatic experiences, many will choose to avoid them. Those subjected to them may revisit the trauma they experienced during wartime.

Some veterans may want to avoid public events at other times, even if fireworks are not involved. Research has found that for some veterans, emotional gatherings with patriotic symbols can be a risk for worsening or recurrence of PTSD symptoms.

Others may want to avoid watching the news if it focuses on stories about war. Repeated exposure has been found to be a risk for developing PTSD or worsening of PTSD symptoms, particularly for those veterans who are following the news closely and viewing coverage that is reminiscent of their own experiences.

Hyperarousal, difficulties sleeping or concentrating, a startle response, or avoiding sitting with a back to a door or window may also be due to cumulative trauma. These responses may also correspond to the actual traumatic events if the trauma occurred.

PTSD has a relationship with traumatic brain injury (TBI) and chronic pain as part of what is referred to as "the polytrauma clinical triad." TBI symptoms such as sleep problems, trouble with memory and concentration, depression, anxiety, and irritability may overlap with those of PTSD.

To help our nation's veterans, it's important for caregivers, supporters, and advocates to be well-educated on how to assist them, experts advised. Developed by Swords to Plowshares and funded in partnership with the Walmart Foundation, Toolbox.vet is unique in that it blends written content with podcast audio and video conversations with real veterans and advocates. Information about PTSD, community-based care, veterans benefits, and much more is available.

The general public should attempt to be considerate of neighbors and let them know if fireworks are planned in the area which could affect a veteran. "Write a note, let them know," experts advised. "These veterans deserve your consideration and respect for the effects they have suffered to defend the freedoms you are celebrating."

Traditional Northville Parade set for July 5

The Northville Independence Day Parade may be a little short on marchers this year, but it is sure to be long on enthusiasm.

The annual event, a tradition in the community, was cancelled last year due to the pandemic. A smaller, scaled-down version of one of the largest and most popular parades in the state is planned to step off at 10 a.m. July 5 from the parking lot at Northville Downs. As usual, the parade will include floats, appearances from various club and sports mascots, antique cars and many other traditional entries.

The theme this year is America the Beautiful and organizers have limited participation to only 50 entries.

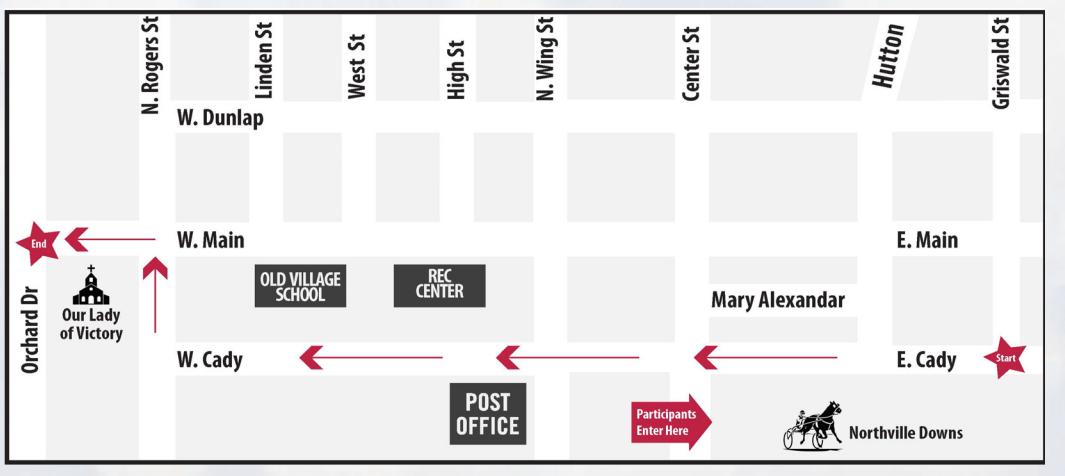
The event, as always, is free to the public and is sponsored by St. Mary Hospital which has provided the major funding for the event for more than a decade.

As always, no tickets are needed for the parade which will follow a different route than usual.

This year, the parade will end at Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Dr. off the Main Street parking lot.

The parade is organized by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and a spokesman noted that the goal this year is a chance to bring "a little normalcy to our community" following the restrictions necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The parade will be back to full strength in 2022, but let's enjoy ourselves in 2021," she said. COVID 19 protocols will be in place, including the requirement to wear a mask if not fully vaccinated and social distancing, she added.



Pet experts suggest special holiday precautions

Veterans are not the only family members who may not enjoy traditional Fourth of July fireworks.

More dogs run away or are lost on the 4th than any other day of the year and veterinarians report adverse reactions to fireworks are not uncommon following the celebration.

Animal experts advise owners to think ahead about the holiday activities, develop a plan, and act early.

"Do not take your pet to a fireworks show, but walk them earlier in the day," they advised and then have a safe space indoors for your pet during fireworks. Outdoor pets are likely to take extreme measures to try to escape the loud noise, and may attempt to flee from the perceived danger. Owners are encouraged to have pets microchipped and should ensure that information on the registry is up to date.

Make sure collars on pets have up-to-date contact information, too, experts said.

Animal care professionals also advise owners to turn on some music inside the home to distract from the loud pops and offer the pet favorite toys or food, to help soothe them.

"When a pet is stressed they may be more likely to have an accident or destroy belongings," the experts said. Owners should be sure to provide a safe place for pets inside and place valuables out of reach, and be understanding if accidents are discovered upon arriving home.

"Talk to your veterinarian. They can provide medication to help relieve your pet's anxiety," experts advised, and "make sure you have enough time to test out the medication while you're home with the pet before offering it to them while you are away."

Canton

Canton Township receives 'strong' financial audit

Canton Township received a good financial report from auditors Plante Moran for 2020.

The strong financial report from auditors was presented to the members of the board of trustees at the June 22 meeting.

Alisha Watkins from Plante Moran, joined by colleague Keith Szymanski, noted township recreation funds were down in the 2020 fiscal year, the second year for which Plante Moran worked virtually on the audit. Much of the budget is earmarked for projects and for legacy costs, pensions and retiree health care costs, she said.

"They're not all going to come due in one year," said Watkins. She noted that audits without significant findings during the past several years are a positive sign for the township.

The auditors also noted pre-recession property values remain in place for many in Canton, compared to communities that are more "built out."

Trustee Tania Ganguly asked what will occur in a few years when that becomes the situation in Canton.

During the presentation, Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak and the board trustees also discussed how to best spend federal coronavirus relief dollars the township received.

> *Copies of the Comprehensive Financial Report are available for public review at the Canton Public Library*

"The big things are water, sewer and broadband," said Graham-Hudak. Alisha Watkins from Plante Moran explained other cities and townships have opted to use the relief funds for a wide range of priorities.

Graham-Hudak mentioned helping local businesses with the federal relief funds. Township Clerk Michael Siegrist said he prefers to assist local nonprofits, such as First Step and Growth Works, which also "took a hit during the pandemic."

Copies of the Comprehensive Financial Report are available for public review at the Canton Public Library and the clerk's office in the township administration building.

In other business, trustees declared June as Pride Month for the LGBT community. That includes a municipal code designed for a safe, inclusive community as well as a "Canton Pride OUTside" event set for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, at Heritage Park.

Master Plan will determine future recreational amenities

The opinions and input of Canton Township residents will be used to help guide decisions for future planning of programs, services and amenities in the community.

Canton Leisure Services is currently seeking community input as a key part of the strategic process of updating its Master Plan.

McKenna, a community planning, design, and building services firm, will host a series of Open Houses as a key part of updating Canton Leisure Services Five Year Master Plan, which was previously adopted in 2016.

> *Members of the community are invited to submit feedback.*

Members of the community are invited to submit feedback from 6:30 until 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Thursday Night LIVE Concert in Heritage Park, located behind 1150 S. Canton Center Road and from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Aug. 8, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Canton Farmers Market located at 500 N. Ridge Road. Members of the community are also invited to submit comments via email to leisure@canton-mi.org.

"Canton residents and business owners now have a chance to direct where we're headed and help determine what our future plans are," stated Jeanette Aiello, business operations coordinator. "These individuals have a unique opportunity to identify key recreational amenities, programs, services, and facilities that will help make our community an even better place to live."

When the initial process is complete, Canton Leisure Services personnel will develop a draft plan and will make it available for public review and comment later this fall.

For more information about the Canton Leisure Services Master Plan project, visit www.cantonfun.org or call (734) 394-5360.

Pride OUTside

First-ever Canton LGBTQ event set at amphitheater July 9

Canton Pride OUTside will take place from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 9, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, located behind the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

The community event is open to all area residents, hosted by Canton Township and organized by the Leisure Services Department, to support and celebrate the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning community at large. Sponsors of the event include Sweetwater Coffee and Tea and The Red Head Salon.

"We are excited to host this special event, where Canton will join with its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) community members, to applaud their strength, courage, and perseverance," stated Laura Mortier, Canton recreation specialist. "This special event will celebrate the impact LGBTQ+ people have made not only in our community but also regionally and globally."

> *This special event will celebrate the impact LGBTQ+ people have made.*

Featured presentations will include keynote speaker Jay Kaplan from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Michigan, a performance by the Sing Out Detroit Choir; and additional musical entertainment provided by DJ Zaneta.

There will also be merchandise from local vendors and community resources on sale including Bobcat Bonnie's, Maraschinos Pub, Rainbow Love Novelties, Queer Comic Peddler and others.

For more information about this free, inclusive special event, visit www.cantonfun.org, or call (734) 394-5460.

Movie Camp Out will be July 16

Continuing a popular annual Canton Township summer tradition, Independence Park will be transformed into a campground during the Canton Leisure Services Annual Family Movie Camp Out, which is planned for Friday, July 16.

Area residents can celebrate the great outdoors and 'camp out' during the summer event and enjoy fun activities as well as the featured animated movie "The Croods: A New Age" (Rated PG), under the stars in Independence Park, located at 1898 Denton Road in Canton.

Activities or the entire family are planned beginning at 6 p.m. including family games. Dinner options and concession items will also be available onsite for a nominal fee.

In the event of severe inclement weather, the movie may be suspended or cancelled.

Campers and RVs will also be allowed to participate, however, no electricity or water hook-ups will be available. The overnight camping fee is $25 and includes pre-movie activities. Set-up of tents and campers will begin at 4 p.m. Friday, July 16. Pre-registration is required and available at www.cantonfun.org/register.

Wristbands are available for a $7 fee those who prefer to take part in the activities and movie, but do not wish to camp out. Pre-registration is also required at www.cantonfun.org/register.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460 or visit www.cantonfun.org.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021 for the following:

FORKLIFT - 5000 LB CAPACITY LP PNEUMATIC TIRE

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 7/01/2021

CN2253 - 070121 2.5 x 2.044

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021 for the following:

AUDIO/ VIDEO EQUIPMENT & INSTALLATION - FIRE DEPT TRAINING ROOM

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 7/01/2021

CN2254 - 070121 2.5 x 2.044

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021 for the following:

PHYSICAL/ MEDICAL EXAMINATION SERVICES - FIRE DEPARTMENT

Proposal may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@canton-mi.org. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

Publish 7/01/2021

CN2255 - 070121 2.5 x 2.044

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING
July 21, 2021 – 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for July 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 18.2 (V), Setbacks, to allow a garage to be less than 10' from a power line where a minimum of 10' is required for the property at 15615 Marilyn Ave, Plymouth, MI.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

Publish: July 1, 2021

NT0141 - 070121 2.5 x 1.955

Sumpter Township, MI Employment Opportunity

EMPLOYMENT POSTING

Sumpter Township is currently accepting resumes for **DEPUTY TREASURER**. The Deputy Treasurer reports to the Sumpter Township Treasurer and is responsible for all statutory duties of the Treasurer's office in the Treasurer's absence. This position works closely with the Treasurer and department staff to provide financial services to the residents and general public. For a comprehensive list of duties and further information, please visit our Township WebSite at "www.sumptertwp.org", COMMUNITY/JOB OPENINGS for this position's links.

This is a full-time position. Excellent wage, available benefits such as medical, dental, optical and more. Successful candidate will have desired experience in Municipal Government, excellent verbal & written communication abilities, strong detail orientation, organizational skills and BS&A user knowledge. General Law township experience in Treasury functions is preferred.

Please submit application, resume and cover letter to ATTN: Sumpter Township Treasurer, 23480 Sumpter Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

Sumpter Township is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We prohibit discrimination and harassment of any kind based on race, color, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, genetic information, pregnancy, or any other protected characteristic as outlined by federal, state, or local laws.

ST0059 - 070121 2.5 x 3.095

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

Publish: 07/01/21

CN2252 - 070121 2.5 x 4.72

PLYMOUTH

Changes to Plymouth Township tree ordinance proposed

A new tree ordinance in Plymouth Township may have roots in the City of Plymouth, but will need to be pruned to accommodate the needs of township residents, according to Supervisor Kurt Heise.

Heise, who brought the ordinance provisions before the township board of trustees during a May 25 study session, repeatedly stressed that the ordinance was under discussion and that provisions would be tailored to the needs of the township. The current 74-year-old tree ordinance needs revamping, Heise said, and suggested that township attorney Kevin Bennett could use the City of Plymouth ordinance as a starting point for updating the township rules.

Heise said, during the meeting, that the city ordinance was only a starting point and that it was one of the "most restrictive-

> *There are currently thousands of lawsuits against tree ordinances of this kind going on right now. Are we prepared for more lawsuits?*

depending on your point of view"and detailed ordinances from a comparable community. He added that the city ordinance had already been thoroughly vetted, allowing Bennett to alter and edit the ordinance as township officials found necessary. He added that using the city ordinance would also save the township time and money. "It's a starting point," he told the board of trustees.

He also claimed that the eventual approval of a new set of rules in the township would be a first step in securing a Tree City USA designation, something the City of Plymouth already enjoys.

He said that the township was already complying with the regulations required by the National Arbor Day Association to be designated as a Tree City USA and that the township was already planting and funding the maintenance of trees in the township. "The designation would be a nice way to show current and future residents that we care about trees," he said."

His suggestion, however, was not popular with some residents who noted that the city ordinance requires property owners to secure a permit to cut down trees on their property. They claimed the ordinance was too restrictive and violated their privacy rights.

Duane Zantop claimed that the city ordinance, if adopted, would be a violation of his "constitutional rights." He called the consideration of the ordinance outrageous and an intrusion.

"There are currently thousands of lawsuits against tree ordinances of this kind going on right now. Are we prepared for more lawsuits? Get the hell out of my yard," Zantop said.

Another resident said that he agreed with restrictions on business clear-cutting trees, the "bureaucratic monstrosity" of the ordinance would challenge the current township staff.

In response to the reactions of the audience, Heise again

Supervisor Kurt Heise

explained that this was a suggestion for a revamping of the ordinance designed to in the best interests of the township.

"Let me make this clear: I would never vote for this ordinance in its current form," Heise said . "It's a starting point."

Art In The Park set to return to Plymouth next weekend

Next week, a 40 year tradition will return to the downtown streets of Plymouth with Art In The Park, the second largest art fair in the state. This year, the massive art sale will take place beginning Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11.

The staple of Plymouth Art in the Park remains the 400 plus artists from around the United States and Canada. Thousands of pieces of original artwork will be available for purchase including; paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, fiber, fine glass, woodwork, mixed media, photography, and folk art. Young visitors can participate in the painting of the children's mural and young artists will have booths around Kellogg Park displaying their artwork for sale. There will be musical entertainment and performers all weekend.

Parking for the event is free at Schoolcraft College where a $3 shuttle ride will bring visitors to the center of the festival at Plymouth City Hall. The coaches are air-conditioned and have restrooms on board.

Due to predicted warm temperatures, visitors are advised not to bring pets as the hot pavement can cause serious injuries to paw pads.

HAMERINK DENTAL
PERSONALIZED DENTAL CARE

John D. Hamerink, M.S., D.D.S

Howard A. Hamerink, DDS

159 South Harvey
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 455-8686

Monday 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Tuesday 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Wednesday 8:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

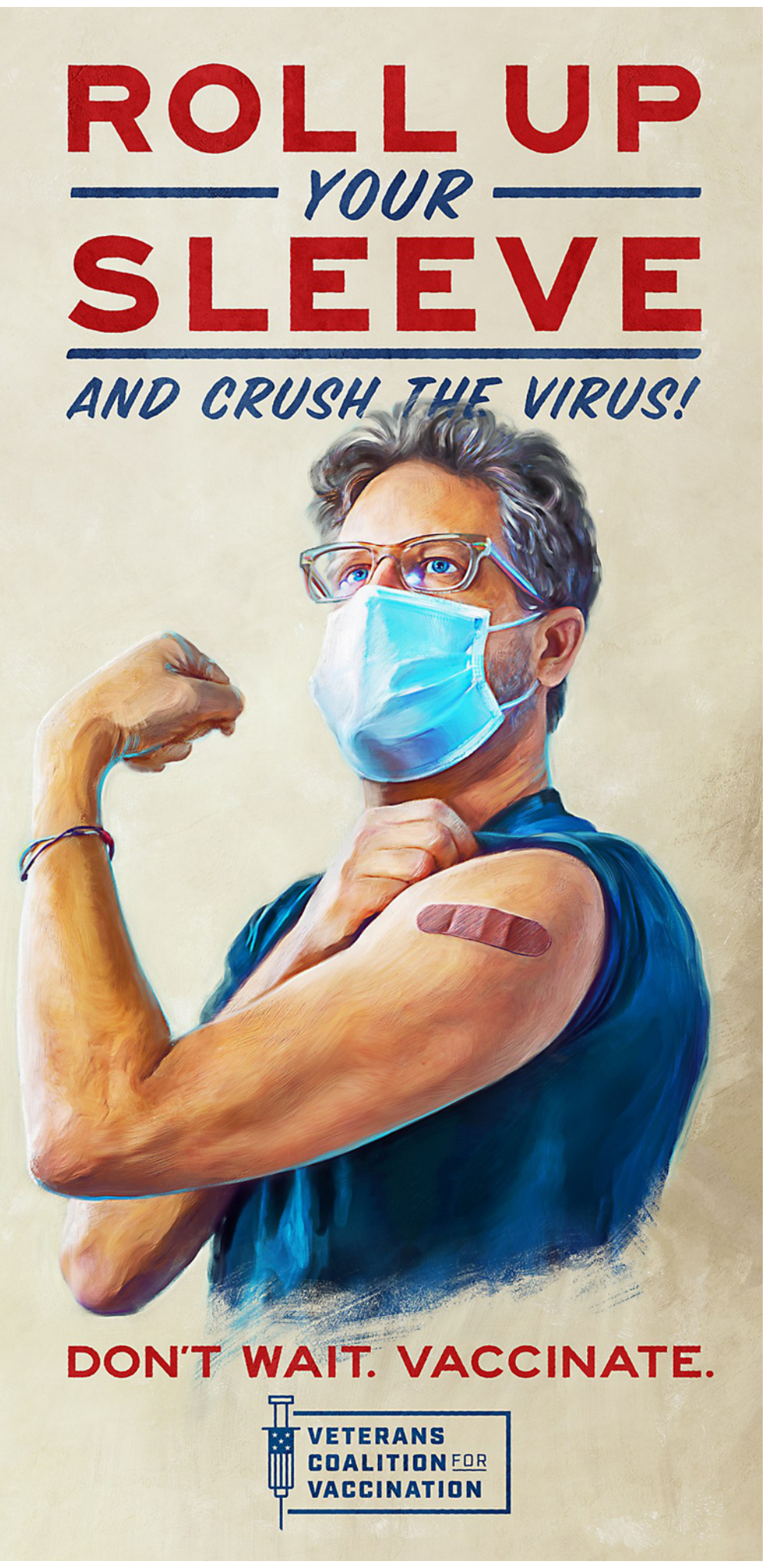
www.HamerinkDental.com

Don't forget to check us out...Everyday!

THE REAL STORY
PlymouthVoice
NEWS, EVENTS & OTHER SMART STUFF
MEET NEW PCCS PRESIDENT
SEXUAL ASSAULT CASE CONTINUES
SCOUTING SERVICE PROJECT SOARS
ASSAULT CHARGES AGAINST 10-YEAR-OLD DROPPED
ART HOUSE HOSTS TATTOO ARTISTS

Your guide to local news and information... in the palm of your hand

THE REAL STORY PlymouthVoice
www.plymouthvoice.com



Inkster - Westland

Autistic man wins $2.5 million settlement from city

While a 24-year-old autistic man injured during a police chase and arrest will receive a $2.5 million settlement from the City of Westland, no criminal charges will be filed against former Westland Police Ofc. Kristopher Landis accused of causing the injuries that resulted in Blair losing his eye.

The settlement with Blair was approved by members of the city council during a regular meeting in May. Blair sued the city citing injuries he sustained Jan. 16, 2020 when he was identified by several witnesses as the man who had robbed the Wayne Road Arby's at about 7:20 p.m. A restaurant employee told police that Blair grabbed cash from the drawer after telling him, "I'm gonna need all that." Blair kept his hand in his jacket pocket but raised his covered arm implying he had a weapon, the employee told police. Two men in the restaurant witnessed Blair taking the money from the cash drawer and the restaurant manager observed the incident and called 911.

One witness flagged down a passing police patrol car and provided information about the direction in which the suspect was running. Officers observed Blair running inside the Woodcrest Apartment Complex on Wayne Road and a foot chase ensued. Five officers were involved in the chase and Blair was tased and struck with a police baton in an effort to handcuff and arrest him, according to reports from the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy.

> *We have to look at the totality of the evidence to prove any criminally charged case beyond a reasonable doubt.*

Blair had obvious injuries to his face and was treated at the scene by EMS personnel and transported to a hospital where his eye was surgically removed due to complications from his injuries, according to official reports.

Blair was charged with armed robbery and three counts of assaulting, resisting or obstructing a police officer but was found mentally incompetent to stand trial. His competency will be heard again in 18th District Court in Westland July 14 following medical and psychological treatment ordered by Judge Sandra Cicerelli.

Worthy has declined to file any criminal charges against Landis who was accused of inflicting the blows that caused Blair to lose his eye. Landis was fired by the city about a month after the incident.

"In this case Mr. Blair was an armed robbery suspect who fled from the scene to avoid apprehension. The officers had information that he was armed from dispatch. When the officers caught up with Mr. Blair, he was given repeated verbal commands throughout the encounter. Mr. Blair failed to obey the commands," Worthy said.

In a prepared statement, Worthy said that when all measures failed to subdue Blair, one officer admitted that he used his baton twice to strike him. She said that it is impossible to determine from the body cameras of the officers exactly which physical contact caused the injuries. She said it was clear, however, that Blair "was still fighting and disobeying commands when the baton was used."

"We tried everything we possibly could do to enhance the video by reaching out to another local department and the FBI, but to no avail," said Worthy. "We have to look at the totality of the evidence to prove any criminally charged case beyond a reasonable doubt. This cannot be done in this case with the evidence available and our inability to converse with the alleged victim. Accordingly, charges cannot be issued or sustained in this case."

As part of the settlement, Blair is prohibited from pursuing any further claims against Westland, Westland elected officials or Westland police officers.

Legislator accused of violating criminal bond provisions

State Rep. Jewell Jones, D-Inkster, currently awaiting trial on drunk driving and gun possession charges, narrowly avoided jail time last week as he was accused of contempt of court for violating his bond provisions.

Jones was accused by Livingston County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Christina Richards of contempt of court, alleging that he had provided less than honest information to the court to avoid required random drug and alcohol testing. The court-ordered testing was a condition of Jones' bond as he awaits a court date on charges of drunk driving, resisting police, possession of a weapon while under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving stemming from his April 6 arrest.

Jones, 26, had obtained permission to forgo testing during June 12-26 claiming he would be at National Guard training and required to be at Camp Grayling during that time.

> *You were deceptive with your own attorney, less than candid with prosecutor's office and with this court.*

Prosecutors produced social media posts of Jones at the Wayne Planet Fitness during the week of June 21 and at several House committee meetings during the time he claimed to be at guard training. Livingston County District Judge Daniel Bain cautioned Jones that he was "very disappointed because I think that you were not candid." Bain told Jones the only reason he had previously allowed him to forgo testing was because of Jones' claim that he would be living at Camp Grayling for training

Jones' lawyer, Ali Hammoud, however, claimed that leaving the National Guard camp is a usual practice and that Jones was given permission to leave by his commanding officer. Hammoud said that Jones was unaware that he was required to notify the court if he left the training camp.

The judge remained unconvinced and told Jones that he believed he planned to leave the National Guard camp for his elected duties when he asked to be excused from his bond-ordered random drug and alcohol testing.

"You were deceptive with your own attorney, less than candid with prosecutor's office and with this court," the judge said, and ordered Jones to wear an alcohol ankle monitor and undergo an immediate drug test following the court hearing last Thursday.

When Jones was arrested April 6, his blood alcohol level classified him as "super drunk" according to police. After several reports from other motorists of an erratic driver on Interstate 96 in Livingston County Handy Township, responding police officers found Jones in a black Chevy Tahoe with a personalized license plate "ELECTED" which had rolled into a ditch from the shoulder of the road.

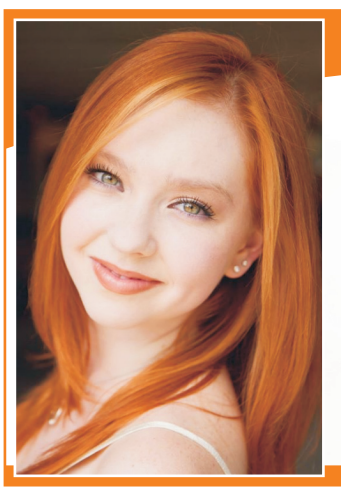
Police reports indicated that Jones was argumentative, abusive and refused to provide identification to officers. Jones told officers at the scene he was "going to call the governor." Police claimed his behavior necessitated the use of pepper spray and a taser to subdue him. A loaded firearm was observed in the cupholder of the console of the vehicle, according to police reports. Emergency responders transported Jones' unconscious female companion to a nearby hospital for treatment, according to reports.

Jewell Jones

Jones was subsequently suspended from the Inkster auxiliary police force following his arrest.

The HARRIS CONSERVATORY of MUSIC
Lessons - Repairs - Accessories
734-725-9926
445 S Harvey St
Plymouth, MI 48170
www.hcommusic.com
www.facebook.com/HarrisConservatoryOfMusic

Brian Harris
Owner



MENTION THIS AD GET $10 OFF
Full Service Salon & Spa
• Purely Pro Cosmetics
• Talika Specific Beauty Treatments
• Dermalogica Skin Care Systems
• Moroccan Oil Conditioning
• Keune Products
• European Facials
• Full Waxing Services
Jessie Simcheck Owner & Stylist
Affordable Elegance
SALON Tré Bella V
105 N. Center Street · Northville · (248) 305-9850
trebellav@gmail.com

Classified

TO PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD CALL 734-467-1900

MICHIGAN Ad Network Solutions CLASSIFIED

Help Wanted-Truck Driver CDL-A DRIVERS WANTED, 3 MONTHS MINIMUM EXPERIENCE, EXCELLENT PAY, BENEFITS SIGN ON BONUS, 401k, DEDICATED ROUTES ROMEO AND WAYNE DISPATCH, CALL KIRT 586-752-4529 EXT 1032

Wanted to Buy or Trade FREON WANTED: We pay $$$ for cylinders and cans. R12 R500 R11 R113 R114. Convenient. Certified Professionals. Call 312-291-9169 or visit RefrigerantFinders.com

Call 734-467-1900 to place your classified ad or email ads@journalgroup.com.

To subscribe to The Eagle please visit associatednewspapers.net

NEED HELP WITH YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN?
If you have questions about your pension, 401(k) or profit sharing plan, call the Mid-America Pension Rights Project at (866) 735-7737 to get free legal advice. Funded by the U.S. Administration on Aging, MAPRP staff provides free legal assistance to anyone with a question about their retirement plan.
CALL US TODAY 1.866.735.7737

AGGRESSIVE LITIGATION
GARRATT & BACHAND, P.C.
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS
74 WEST LONG LAKE ROAD
SUITE 200
BLOOMFIELD HILLS, MICHIGAN 48304
(248) 645-1450 • FAX (248) 645-2311

NORTHVILLE - SUMPTER

High grass deemed safety hazard by Sumpter trustees

A solution to the safety hazard posed by high weeds and grass interfering with traffic intersection visibility and obscuring fire hydrants was discussed by members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees during their most recent study session.

Trustees agreed that the situation is a "safety issue" in the township.

Trustee Tim Rush noted that the township was receiving no help from Wayne County in cutting the growth as county departments are currently understaffed.

Trustee Don LaPorte reminded the members of the board that there are currently 1,300 fire hydrants in the city and that the fire department needs to know exactly where each of them is located. He said that Van Buren Township was having the same situation according to Supervisor Kevin McNamara and there was little or no prospect of any shared services with Van Buren.

He explained that by the time city employees cleaned the growth around all the hydrants, "it was time to start over again." LaPorte said that the community needs a management plan for grass cutting around the hydrants and to ensure there is enough manpower to perform the job. He said he did not feel that the township now has an accurate prospectus of the working hours the job would take.

"We need to understand the totality of what needs done," he said. "We need to know how much work it is."

> *We need to understand the totality of what needs done. We need to know how much work it is.*

Township Supervisor Tim Bowman suggested that the township explore the possibility of purchasing a tractor to perform the growth clearing from the hydrants and at some roadway intersections where visibility is reduced by the high weeds.

Trustee Matt Oddy agreed and noted that some areas and hydrants in the township need cleared once a season and others, in different locations, need work several times. He suggested that the township advertise a phone number on local cable channel 12 so residents can call the water department and note the areas of concern.

Bowman agreed and inquired about the possible use of chemical control of growth around the hydrants.

Oddy responded that the township had previously used a chemical growth inhibitor and "we got lambasted by citizens claiming the application was toxic. There was a real negative connotation," he said.

LaPorte, who acts as the township liaison to the fire department, explained that when the department finds one fire hydrant, they "usually know about where the next one is."

LaPorte suggested the possibility of borrowing a tractor from Wayne County and said he would reach out to pursue the possibility of utilizing a country tractor to help clear away the high grass and weeds.

Bowman said he was also concerned about the current lack of accurate reporting from the water department and that officials need a day-by-day schedule and "accurate reports" of the work being done on a daily basis. He again suggested that the township needed to purchase equipment to perform the maintenance.

"Making decisions would be a lot easier if the equipment is in our possession," he said.

Local dentist will exhibit photos at Northville Art House

An exhibit of photographs by local dentist and world traveler William S. Demray will be on display at the Northville Art House from July 9 through 24.

The exhibit is the premiere exhibition in the Hometown Artist

Series showcasing artists from Northville and neighboring communities. Demray, a family dentist who has lived and worked in downtown Northville for more than 40 years, will share 50 photographs taken on his journeys around the world.

Demray, a general family dentist at Preservation Dental in downtown Northville, received his bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University and his doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Detroit. His support for nonprofit organizations, including Northville Art House and the Northville Historical Society, has been recognized throughout the community as well as featured on an episode of a PBS series.

Two years ago, he received the Detroit District Dental Society 2019 Dentist Citizen of the Year award for his outstanding community service and commitment to the health and welfare of his patients and community. In addition, Demray has been recognized as a Top Dentist in HOUR Detroit magazine, Northville Citizen of the Year in 2011, and awarded the Community Enrichment Award by American Association of University Women(Novi/Northville Chapter) in 2012.

Demray is also an accomplished certified private pilot and holds several aviation records, including a national and international record-setting flight honoring the Wright Brothers and the 100th

Anniversary of Flight. He has journeyed to exotic and romantic locations throughout the world experiencing once in a lifetime opportunities always with camera in hand.

He has a passion for photography and said he is honored to be exhibiting at Northville Art House.

Emotionally Yours opens at the Northville Art House with the launch of the new *Live @ 5* reception from 5 until 8 p.m. Friday, July 9 featuring a gallery talk by Demray at 6:30 pm.

Tickets cost $35 and include appetizers by Northville Sports Den, two drink vouchers, and live music by world-class jazz musician Vincent York of Vincent York JAZZistry.

Tickets can be purchased at www.northvillearthouse.org/livea t5.

The Tri-Motor with Aviator Taylor B. McNeill (Aviation World Record Holder)

COMPLEMENTARY CONSULTATION
We believe Chiropractic care and Nutritional based therapies are a foundational part of a healthy family lifestyle.
MICHIGAN
FAMILY WELLNESS

No matter where you are in the mitten, having a family is such an exciting time of life; so instead of feeling overwhelmed by stress, fatigue, and responsibilities with the kids, we invite you become part of this empowering community to create happy, healthy families.

Dr. Kyle cultivates family health by equipping people with the tools they need to elevate wellness in their own family.

Dr. Kyle passionately serves the Michigan community at his Chiropractic and Nutrition based practice where he specializes in pregnancy, pediatrics, and family wellness care.

Schedule Your Complementary Consultation at
www.michiganfamilywellness.com

MICHIGAN
FAMILY WELLNESS
2200 N Canton Center Rd Suite 150, Canton, MI 48187 · (734) 335-0533

The Senior Alliance
Live~Age~Grow

Friendly Reassurance
Program

Friendly Reassurance is a **FREE** program for HOMEBOUND seniors who are aged 60 years and up!

Regular scheduled phone calls are made from The Senior Alliance, usually by other seniors, to participants in the program.

These calls help to combat social isolation, improve a person's well-being, and provide a warm, **friendly** voice for them to talk with.

Eligibility Requirements

* Be of age 60 or older
* Reside in one of the 34 communities of southern and western Wayne County.
* Access to a landline or cell phone
* Be able to provide an emergency contact

To Learn More
Call (734) 722-2830
or visit
www.thesenioralliance.org

Romulus - Wayne

Performance of police, fire department earns praise

Residents, neighboring community officials and city council members took the opportunity to commend both the Romulus Fire Department and Police Department at a meeting earlier this month.

During the public comment portion of the meeting June 14, a resident of Gloria Street in the city addressed members of the city council regarding a fire which took place near her home. She explained that because of a serious crash on I-94 at the same time that day, when two small children were seriously injured, only a single firefighter was available to respond to the scene.

She said he arrived by himself and fought the blaze alone while awaiting aide from the Metro Airport and Westland fire departments.

"He needs to be recognized," she told the council members and mayor. "He was phenomenal," she said. "When the Metro Airport crew arrived, they had the fire under control in minutes," she said.

Her comments followed remarks of Mayor Pro tem John Barden who told the council that he had received a letter from Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara about the performance of the Romulus Fire Department in a recent emergency situation.

"I wish to express my appreciation to the City of Romulus Fire Department for their willingness to assist at the Harbour Club Apartment fire in our community," McNamara said in the letter. He said that the efforts of the Romulus firefighters were invaluable in efforts to save residents during the emergency.

> *It is highly reassuring to know our community can count on professional assistance from our neighboring communities.*

"It is highly reassuring to know our community can count on professional assistance from our neighboring communities," he said.

Romulus police officers also received praise from an outside agency for their handling of a May 17 situation when a 4-year-old autistic child was found wandering, unaccompanied in the community. A representative of the Third Circuit Court wrote to the city expressing his appreciation and admiration for the manner in which officers handled the incident.

"Kudos for the expert handling of this situation. Your officers deserve a pat on the back," he said. "This is the best, most professional response I have ever seen," to a situation with a special needs child, the letter continued.

City Councilwoman Tina Talley said that the Romulus Building Department should also be recognized for the recent shut down of two illegal marijuana growing operations in the city, tracked down by an extreme use of electrical power.

"We just need them to know that their work doesn't go unnoticed," she said.

Council members agreed, commenting that the fire department was just recently awarded licensing as an Advanced Life Support agency, a long-time goal of the city.

Mayor LeRoy Burcroff said that he felt the city public safety department was due the accolades and that they were "out there, doing the job every day" despite the challenges of the pandemic.

"They do a phenomenal job, day-in and day-out," Burcroff said.

Both Burcroff and Krause suggested that the exemplary performance of the public safety department staff deserve recognition during the next Hometown Heroes event in the community.

Special events

Free concerts mark city birthday

While the official celebration of the 50th birthday of the city of Romulus was delayed one year due to the pandemic, city officials have announced a variety of upcoming free summer community events to help celebrate the half-century mark.

The events, all scheduled to take place in Historical Park include Juggler Tim from 5 until 8 p.m. tomorrow, July 2.

From 5 until 8 and on July 9, Mob Opera will entertain from 7 until 9:30 p.m.. Raya and the Last Dragon will be the Movie in the Park planned for July 16. The outdoor movie will begin at dusk.

On July 23, Infinity & Beyond will perform from 7 until 9:30 p.m.

Ventriloquist Richard Paul will perform from 5 until 8 p.m. on Aug. 6 while D'Tour will entertain from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Aug. 13.

The Movie in the Park on Aug. 20 will be Tom & Jerry and will begin at dusk.

Tequila Mockingbird will perform in concert from 7 until 9:30 p.m. Aug. 27.

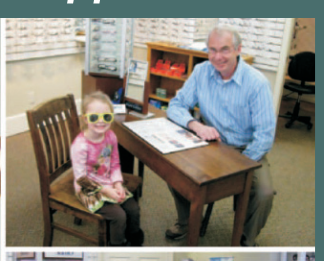
Historical Park is located at 11120 Hunt St. in Romulus.

For more information, visit Downtown Romulus on Facebook or call the Romulus Downtown Development Authority at (734) 942-7545.

Fond farewell

Sgt. Brent Cahill retired from the Wayne Police Department last month and was honored with a small ceremony at police headquarters. Cahill was a highly respected member of the Wayne Police Department who, in addition to his rank as sergeant, served as a field training sergeant, evidence technician, background investigator, and detective during his 12-year career with the department. Police Chief Ryan Strong praised Cahill's professionalism and dedication noting, "I've worked with Brent in several capacities over my career, and I have always been deeply impressed with his strong work ethic, insistence on doing the right thing every time, and deep respect for his coworkers and the community he serves."

Special limited hours - Call for an appointment



IS IT TIME TO GET YOUR VISION CHECKED?

DON'T PUT IT OFF..COME IN AND SEE US.

Dr. Glenn M. Young - Optometrist

At Forest Place Optical Dr. Young stresses the Doctor-Patient relationship.

Your appointment will include a Vision Exam and an Eye Health Evaluation.

You will be screened for Glaucoma and Cataracts. Dr. Young will also look at the health of your Optic Nerve, Retina and Macula.

If a prescription is needed, we want to give you the most clear, comfortable vision for your daily tasks.

FOREST PLACE OPTICAL

• Exams • Glasses • Contacts

M & W 9:30am-7pm
T, TH, F 9:30am-6pm
Sat 9am-2pm

550 Forest Ave, #12 • Plymouth, MI 48170 • 734-455-3340

Convenient parking!

Servicing Plymouth for over 25 years

www.forestplaceoptical.com

Open for indoor and outdoor dining, as well as curbside and carryout pickup.

Monday – Saturday, noon to 9 p.m.

Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

FOR CARRYOUT AND CURBSIDE ORDERING
CALL (734)414-6400
Dinner take out menu available at
https://www.egnicksdtp.com/dinner-menu.html

E.G. NICK'S
RESTAURANT · TAVERN

• MASKS REQUIRED
• STAFF WEARS GLOVES
• STAFF WEARS MASKS
• LIMITED CAPACITY
• HAND SANITIZER PROVIDED
• SANITIZING BETWEEN CUSTOMERS
• SOCIAL DISTANCING ENFORCED

500 Forest Ave. · Plymouth
Convenient Parking behind Forest off of Harvey St.
(734) 414-6400